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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Pickles  
Deposited: September 29, 2005  
For: ORAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING MICRON-SIZED LANTHANIDE  
METAL OXIDE

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632  
September 29, 2005

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the claims as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.